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Thursday, 3 October 2002

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

UNIKOM (S/2002/1039)

UNMOVIC

IAEA

Other matters

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. . . . . 21st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/57/107) . . . . . [17 (f)]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [15 (b)]

Security Council

A public meeting of the Security Council will be held on Friday, 4 October 2002, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263).

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Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57, 58, 60-73): *item 57* (A/57/263); *item 58 (A/57/263)*; *item 60* (A/57/98-S/2002/705); *item 61* (A/57/166, A/57/166/Add.1, A/C.1/57/L.1); *item 62*; *item 63* (A/57/214, A/57/214/Add.1, A/57/214/Add.2); *item 64*; *item 65* (A/57/418); *item 66* (A/57/95, A/57/95/Add.1, A/57/95/Add.2, A/57/96, A/57/114, A/57/114/Add.1, A/57/114/Add.2, A/57/117, A/57/120, A/57/121, A/57/121/Add.1, A/57/121/Add.2, A/57/124, A/57/159, A/57/160, A/57/167, A/57/167/Add.1, A/57/209, A/57/210, A/57/221, A/57/221/Corr.1, A/57/229, A/57/383, A/57/401, A/57/425, A/57/59, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/92, A/C.1/57/L.2, A/C.1/57/L.3); *item 67* (A/57/116, A/57/124, A/57/161, A/57/162, A/57/168, A/57/223, A/57/260, A/57/383, A/57/79-S/2002/551); *item 68* (A/57/27, A/57/42, A/57/302, A/57/335, A/57/342); *item 69*; *item 70* (A/57/181); *item 71* (A/57/91); *items 72 and 73* (A/57/88-S/2002/672) (A/C.1/57/1, A/C.1/57/2, A/C.1/57/3); A/C.1/57/INF/1

Nigeria
Guatemala
Croatia
Congo
Viet Nam
Togo
United Arab Emirates
United States
Morocco
Syrian Arab Republic
Côte d'Ivoire

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories
2. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/57/2)
3. Agenda items 19, 80, 81, 82 and 12 and 83

General debate on all decolonization items: *item 19* (A/57/23 (Part II), chapters VI, IX-XI, A/57/23 (Part II/Add.1), A/57/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (D-F, H), A/57/206, A/C.4/57/L.2, A/C4/57/L.4, Aide-mémoire 1/02, A/AC.109/2002/CRP.2); *item 80* (A/57/23 (Part II), chapter VIII, A/57/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (A), A/57/74); *item 81* (A/57/23 (Part II), chapter V, A/57/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (B)); *item 82* (A/57/23 (Part II), chapter VII), A/57/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/57/73, A/C.4/57/CRP.1); *item 83* (A/57/90 and A/57/90/Add.1, A/C.4/57/L.3)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 8th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m. 9th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Macroeconomic policy questions [84]

(b) Commodities (A/57/381)

(d) External debt crisis and development (A/57/253)

(e) International financial system and development (A/57/151)

(f) Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit and Transport Cooperation (A/57/340)

Introduction and general discussion

Statement by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

[The list of speakers for all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).]

Third Committee

3–6 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/57/115) [97]

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the fami[1] (A/57/3[1], A/57/139 and A/57/139/Corr.1, A/57/352[1], A/57/67-E/2002/45, A/57/218 and A/57/218/Corr.1, E/CN.5/2002/2 and A/C.3/57/L.6) [98]

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/57/93) [99]

Introductory statements, dialogue with officials and general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Joint Inspection Unit (A/57/34, A/57/61, A/57/321 and A/57/327) [119]

Enhancing governance oversight role: structure, working methods and practices on handling oversight reports (A/57/58 and A/57/58/Add.1 and A/57/434, paras. 9-11)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [115]

Statistical report of the Chief Executives Board on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system (A/57/265)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–

1 p.m. . . . . Informal (closed) consultations . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/57/34, A/57/61, A/57/321, A/57/327) and Enhancing governance oversight role: structure, working methods and practices on handling oversight reports (A/57/58 and A/57/58/Add.1 and A/57/434, paras. 9-11))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal (closed) consultations . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/57/34, A/57/61, A/57/321, A/57/327) and Enhancing governance oversight role: structure, working methods and practices on handling oversight reports (A/57/58 and A/57/58/Add.1 and A/57/434, paras. 9-11))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. –1 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/57/37, A/57/183 and A/57/183/Add.1, A/57/66, A/57/84-S/2002/645, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/203, A/57/269-S/2002/854, A/57/273-S/2002/875, A/57/341-S/2002/950) . . . . . [160]

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/57/33, A/57/165 and A/57/165/Add.1, A/57/370, A/57/88-S/2002/672) . . . . . [159]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Monitoring capacity in the Office of Human Resources Management
2. Human resources management reform
3. Consultants and individual contractors
4. Employment of retired former staff
5. Draft report

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

Informal consultations

Afternoon[1]–

6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, on the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflicts (Guinea-Bissau)

[1] Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Second Committee.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 3 October 2002

Group of 77 *(on the organization of work of the Second Committee)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on nuclear disarmament

9.15–10.15 a.m. . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on nuclear disarmament, organized by the delegation of Myanmar [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Briefing on the World Summit on the Society of Information and the Civil Society

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room B

Briefing on the World Summit on the Society of Information and the Civil Society, sponsored by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs [Presentations will be made by Mr. Alain Clerc, Director of the Civil Society Division of the Executive Secretariat for the Preparation of the Summit, and Ms. Louise Lassonde, Coordinator of the Civil Society Division of the Executive Secretariat for the Preparation of the Summit. All persons managing the relations with non-governmental organizations and the civil society, as well as those responsible for communication within the United Nations agencies, are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Panel discussion on the theme "Impact of 11 September 2001 on the Disarmament Agenda in the Twenty-first Century" [The Right Honourable Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada, will be the guest speaker. The panellists will include Mr. Ramesh Thakur, Vice-Rector of the United Nations University (UNU); Mr. Christer Ahlstrom, Deputy Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI); and Ms. Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director of the Acronym Institute, will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Gary De Rosa, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3980; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; email DeRosa@un.org).]

International Labour Organization (ILO) briefing on "Employment Poverty Linkages: Issues and Experiences"

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 9

Briefing, organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) on "Employment-Poverty Linkages: Issues and Experiences" [A presentation will be made by Mr. Riswanul Islam, Recovery and Reconstruction Department, ILO. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Caroline Lewis, New York ILO Liaison Office (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).]

Briefing by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on human rights items before the Third Committee
(for representatives of non-governmental organizations)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 7

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)
(at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Economic Community of Central African States
(at the ambassadorial level)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Open-ended consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty"

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room A

Open-ended consultations, organized by the delegations of Mexico, Australia and New Zealand, on the draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty" [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Meeting of co-sponsors on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms and light weapons

3–4 p.m. . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms and light weapons, proposed by Japan, Colombia and South Africa [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

UNITAR Workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Rio Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room E

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 3 October 2002

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Briefing by the Secretary-General's Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 4 October 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

General Committee

9.15 a.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items . . . . . [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Peru (A/57/232)

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by Cambodia (A/57/233)

10 a.m. . . . . 22nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 23rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/270 and A/57/270/Corr.1) [44]; Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/57/1) [10]: joint debate

Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Second Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Third Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . Informal (closed) consultations . . . . . Conference Room 5

Sixth Committee

10 a.m . . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on the following dates: Monday, 7 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; Wednesday, 9 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2; Thursday and Friday, 10 and 11 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 42nd meeting on Friday, 4 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the following agenda:

(a) Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the General Peace Agreement in Mozambique

The President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), will chair the meeting. Statements will be made by Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General; H.E. Dr. Leonardo Santos Simao, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mozambique; H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan (Czech Republic), President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), President of the Security Council; Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme; H.E. Mr. Jagdish Koonjul (Mauritius), Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

(b) Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflicts: Guinea-Bissau

[The Council will hold the next meeting of its resumed substantive session (to take up all outstanding matters) on Friday, 25 October 2002.]

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the organization of work of the Second Committee)* on Friday, 4 October 2002, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the situation at the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and on Cophenhagen+5)* on Friday, 4 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Committee on Global Road Safety Crisis

There will be a consultation meeting of the Committee on Global Road Safety Crisis, organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman, on Friday, 4 October 2002, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the Third Committee draft resolution on the follow-up to the International Year of Volunteers

There will be open-ended informal consultations, organized by the delegation of Brazil, on a draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the International Year of Volunteers" on Friday, 4 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

There will be a closed meeting of Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 4 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

UNITAR Workshop Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has organized the new Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics. This programme is being implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation, Inc. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which is currently being repeated four times a year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on (a) Introduction to Computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet Search Basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page Design Basics and Usability Techniques; and is geared towards all diplomats. The fifth module, which is conducted as an interactive seminar, covers "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology" and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff as well as non-governmental organizations.

The fourth and last cycle of the 2002 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held on every alternate Friday *from 4 October to 15 November 2002*. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Open-ended meeting organized by the delegation of Ireland, on behalf of the member countries of the New Agenda Coalition

There will be an open-ended meeting of possible co-sponsors and interested delegations on the First Committee draft resolutions entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda" and "Reductions of non-strategic nuclear weapons". The meeting, organized by the delegation of Ireland, on behalf of the member countries of the New Agenda Coalition, will be held on Monday, 7 October 2002, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Briefing by business interlocutors to the financing for development process

There will be a briefing by business interlocutors to the financing for development process, organized by the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat, on the status of the many private sector initiatives set forth at the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey (18-22 March 2002). The following business interlocutors will be among the participants : International Chamber of Commerce, Business Council for the United Nations, World Economic Forum, Money Matters Institute, Samuels Associates and Renaissance Strategy. The briefing, open to representatives of permanent missions and to interested Secretariat staff, will take place on Tuesday, 8 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Announcements

Informal advance copies of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

In order to facilitate preparations by delegations for the debate of the General Assembly on item 42, informal advance copies of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (in English only) are available at the UNAIDS New York office and can be picked-up by delegates at the following address: UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza, room 841). Information on an electronic version of this document can also be obtained by calling 1 (212) 824-6643. The report will be issued in all official languages shortly, as document A/57/227.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 2 October 2002

Security Council

4617th meeting (closed)

Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 2 October 2002, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 4617th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries."

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Committees

First Committee

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Zambia, South Africa, Mongolia, Switzerland, Argentina, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Costa Rica, Norway and Ecuador.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

4th meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [19]

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, Dr. Carlyle Corbin, a representative from the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, made a statement.

The representative then responded to a question from the representative of Antigua and Barbuda.

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 3rd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Miguel Mayol i Raynal, Member, European Parliament Intergroup "Peace for the Saharawi People" (A/C.4/57/3); Messrs. José Francisco Alonso Rodríguez and Juan Carlos Giráldez Luque, Spanish League for Human Rights (A/C.4/57/3/Add.1); Mr. Juan Soroeta Liceras, Professor of International Law, Universidad del País Vasco (A/C.4/57/3/Add.2); Ms. Cristina Navarro Poblet, Lawyer (Spain) (A/C.4/57/3/Add.3); Mr. Antonio López Ortiz, Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui (A/C.4/57/3/Add.4); Mr. Felipe Briones Vives, International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara (A/C.4/57/3/Add.5); Ms. Claudina Morales, Senator (Spain) (A/C.4/57/3/Add.6); Mr. Boukhari Ahmed, Frente Polisario (A/C.4/57/3/Add.8); Ms.

Hilt Teuwen, Oxfam Solidarity (A/C.4/57/3/Add.9); Ms. Suzanne Scholte, Defense Forum Foundation (A/C.4/57/3/Add.10); Ms. Nina May, the Renaissance Foundation (A/C.4/57/3/Add.11); Mr. Dan Stanley, Ph. D., Pastor, Manna Church (A/C.4/57/3/Add.13); Mr. Frank Ruddy, retired U.S. Ambassador (A/C.4/57/3/Add.14); Ms. Karin Finkler, on behalf of U.S. Congressman Joseph R. Pitts of the 16th District of Pennsylvania (A/C.4/57/3/Add.15) and Ms. Gilma Camargo, on behalf of the American Association of Jurists (A/C.4/57/3/Add.16).

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to the following: (a) Question of Western Sahara (A/C.4/57/L.2); (b) Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/C.4/57/L.3); and (c) Question of Gibraltar (A/C.4/57/L.4).

The Chairman introduced oral revisions to the draft resolution relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/57/L.2).

Second Committee

6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Israel, Belarus, Bahrain, Uruguay and Colombia.

7th meeting

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Honduras, Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq, Uganda, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Bhutan, Myanmar, Argentina, the Sudan and Malawi.

The observers of the Organization of Islamic Conference and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources made statements.

A statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Third Committee

6th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [100]

International drug control . . . . . [101]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Venezuela, the Russian Federation, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), China, Ethiopia, Uganda, the Philippines, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Belarus, Thailand, Ukraine, Indonesia, Croatia, Mali, El Salvador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco, Kuwait, Haiti, Fiji (also on behalf of Australia, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) and Colombia.

Right of reply

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Lebanon.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the items.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

Fifth Committee

5th meeting

Joint Inspection Unit . . . . . [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama, introduced the reports of the Unit (A/57/34, A/57/61 and A/57/321), as well as the report of the Unit on enhancing governance oversight role – structure, working methods and practices on handling oversight reports" (A/57/58).

The representative of the Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Board on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on enhancing governance oversight role – structure, working methods and practices on handling oversight reports (A/57/58/Add.1).

The Chief of the Oversight Support Unit of the Department of Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/57/327).

The Committee then began its general discussion of the item and heard a statement by the representative of the United States.

Organization of work

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 1 p.m. on Friday, 18 October 2002, as the deadline for the submission of nominations to the Secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 17 (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments).

The Chairman made a statement.

Sixth Committee

7th-8th meetings

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts . . . . . [152]

The Committee began its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Switzerland, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Cuba, Romania, Mexico, the Sudan, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Jordan, Greece, Ukraine, Egypt and Venezuela.

The representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross also spoke.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 152.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [160]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 160.

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the work of its sixth session (A/57/37).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEAN countries), Australia, Mali, the Niger, the Russian Federation, Angola, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union; the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia); and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA countries of the European Economic Area, Iceland and Norway), South Africa, New Zealand, Myanmar, China, Sri Lanka, the Sudan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Ghana, Tunisia, Nepal, Jordan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Venezuela, Egypt, Japan, Chile, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Burkina Faso, Benin and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
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Wednesday, 2 October 2002

829th–830th meetings *Consideration of reports of States parties* . . . . . [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Israel (CRC/C/8/Add.44). In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention). Geneva, 14 November 1975

Accession: Mongolia (1 October 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Meeting the Challenges of Ageing: Where Do We Go from Here?", held in observance of the International Day of Older Persons (1 October). The briefing will be held *today,* 3 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The participants will be Ms. Eveline Hönigsperger, Director, Centre for Ageing and Population Policies, Federal Ministry for Social Security and Generations, Austria; Ms. Michiko Mukuno, Director for Aged Society Policy, Cabinet Office of Japan; Mr. Tavengwa M. Nhongo, Representative, Regional Development Centre for Africa, HelpAge International; Ms. Martha Pelaez, Regional Advisor on Aging and Health, Family Health and Population Program, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO); Ms. Madiha el Safty, Professor of Sociology, American University in Cairo; and Mr. Johan Schölvinck, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be moderated by Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA; Mr. Paul Hoeffel, Chief, NGO Section, DPI; and Ms. Helen Hamlin, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing. This briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Programme on Ageing, DESA, and the NGO Committee on Ageing. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

World Habitat Day

In observance of World Habitat Day, an event entitled "City-to-City Cooperation", organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Sister Cities International, will take place on Monday, 7 October 2002, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of the United Nations specialized agencies and of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Asian States:
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

Eastern European States:
Yugoslavia
H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

Western European and other States:

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

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